

THE TOWNS AROUND.

BARNET.

The entertainment given by Charles Taggart Tuesday evening was very much appreciated by those who attended.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Newell of St. Johnsbury visited at J. S. T. Wallace's last Tuesday.

The Boston excursionists have returned, and all report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Bertha Gilfillan of Beebe Plain is visiting her father, Dr. H. J. Hazelton.

Miss Carrie Fletcher has gone to St. Johnsbury for a few days.

RYEGATE.

Robert Miller, aged 89 years, died on Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Nelson. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. A. Jackson, from South Ryegate, preached the sermon and music was furnished by the South Ryegate male quartette.

It is expected that Rev. Mr. Stoddard will preach in the United Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Mrs. Taylor, from Canada, is visiting her son, M. J. Taylor.

Mrs. Wright, who has been visiting friends in town, returned to St. Johnsbury where she intends to spend the winter with the Burton sisters.

The W. C. T. U. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Martin Gibson on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Susan Nelson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Cochran.

Mrs. N. J. Elms, of Boston, was here on Sunday to attend her father's funeral.

J. H. Nelson's children have the croup.

EAST CABOT.

Mrs. R. S. Barr is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Davis, of Northfield.

Arthur Houghton is visiting friends and relatives in Barre.

Mrs. C. W. Thurber, of Danville, visited at E. H. Clark's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Houghton and daughter, Florence, visited at J. W. Houghton's a short time since.

Mrs. John L. Frye, of Danville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dunn, last week.

Mrs. Emery Clark visited relatives in St. Johnsbury a few days last week.

E. H. Dotson, a photographer of North Calais, was in town delivering pictures recently.

Miss Grace Hall has been helping her sister, Mrs. Jessie Wilson, of Whittier Hill, who has been quite ill, a few days the past week.

Mr. McGowan, of Lyndon, was in town last week Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Eaton, of Danville, visited at Nelson Cate's. Mrs. Eaton's brother, last week.

Henry A. Davison and family have moved into the Molly Falls House at Marshfield.

Will Dunn is stopping with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dunn, a few days.

Mr. Mack, of Hardwick, was in town on business recently.

LUNENBURG.

The Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club met with Mrs. Julia I. Bishop, Oct. 24, with 11 ladies present. The meeting opened with quotations from George Eliot and was followed by a well written and interesting historical paper by Miss Nettie Bell, "Edward II. to Edward III.," music by Mrs. Bishop; life of George Eliot by Mrs. Thomas; reading from Romola by Mrs. Bishop; paper, "Leading English Statesmen," by Mrs. Ellen Bowker; current events. Mrs. Adelle Hale has the next meeting.

Ralph B. Denny of Montpelier, general manager of one of the insurance companies, was at the hotel several days last week, also H. J. Wallace, life insurance agent.

There was a large attendance at the kinetoscope entertainment last Wednesday evening.

Rev. Mr. MacNeil was called to New York last week by the death of his brother's wife.

Martin Burt lost about thirty chickens a few nights ago.

Merrill Davison has located at Summerville where he will work in a store for H. E. Wilson. He moved his family there last week.

Francis Switzer was in town last week.

Irving Bowker is attending the business college at St. Johnsbury.

Two new roads are at present being built in town.

Banker Routs a Robber.

J. R. Garrison, Cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with Coughs, Colds or any Throat or Lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Flint Bros' drug store.

GREENSBORO.

Mrs. J. A. Goss' mother, Mrs. Faulk, is stopping with her and expects to remain through the winter.

George Hussey sprained his wrist last week while leading a horse out of the stable, the horse crowding him against the stall.

Mrs. George Wright and Mrs. George Porter went to Glover Wednesday to visit Mrs. J. A. Crane, who has been sick at that place for several weeks and is slowly improving.

The Presbyterian Society are putting a new furnace into their church.

Mrs. George Cuthbertson came home from Manchester Tuesday after an absence of several weeks.

F. A. Goodrich is moving to the Eastman farm this week, which he has rented for a year.

Wallace Stone has gone to Brookfield. George Taylor and Bertha Blodgett were married Wednesday by Rev. A. N. Ross. Congratulations are extended.

The people who patronized the excursion to Boston have all returned and report good times.

A birthday party was much enjoyed at Miss Helen Barclay's Thursday to which a goodly number of friends from this and neighboring towns were invited.

WALDEN.

Frank E. Goodenough has lately been added to the bankruptcy list with liabilities of \$1676.65, of which \$232.50 is secured; assets, \$3851, of which \$300 is exempt.

The Methodist church society at Noyesville has just put up a new chimney for their church, and have bought a furnace, which is expected to be put in soon.

L. M. Conant and wife returned Saturday from Boston, where they have been visiting their son.

The auction sale of the estate of P. J. Jenkinson was well attended last Wednesday, yet the cows did not sell as high as was generally expected, prices running from \$15 to \$27.

E. J. Ufford was in town Friday and Saturday.

F. M. Shaw and son are working for L. J. Walbridge in Cabot putting up a feed store.

The Ladies' Mite Society will meet at the church this afternoon.

J. H. Corson has bought the John Wilson farm. Mr. Wilson has bought the place lately occupied by George Jenkinson, and Mr. Jenkinson has bought the farm recently owned by his father, P. J. Jenkinson.

Mrs. Daniel Robertson of Trout Brook, P. Q., is visiting her sister, Mrs. N. J. Kingsbury.

Some Foolish People

allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

WEST CONCORD.

Universalist services will be held at the usual time next Sunday.

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DANVILLE.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed Saturday by Henry C. Lane with liabilities of \$480.54 and assets of \$650.

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Telephone Improvements.

The following appeared in the Free Press of October 27, in regard to telephone improvements in the state:

The New England Telephone and Telegraph company have decided to make changes and improvements on the northern division of their line that will be the most extensive ever undertaken by the company at this time of the year.

The improvements include the rebuilding of several short lines recently acquired by the company, which will be put in the same good condition as the longer lines controlled by them. The number of lines to be rebuilt is about 70 and includes the lines between the following places: Plainfield and Hardwick, 20 miles; Middlesex and Warren 17 miles; Montpelier and Worcester 8 miles; Jeffersonville and Belvidere 8 miles; Barnet and Peacham 5 miles; Lyndonville and East Barre 5 miles; Newport and Derby Center 4 miles; Poultney and Middle-town Springs 8 miles. The lines are to be metallic circuit and will be a great improvement over the old system.

A contract has been closed for 2000 poles, which will be used for the Maine Central railroad east of Bangor, and their shipment will begin at once. The company has on hand about 500 poles, which will make a total of about 2500 poles used of the new work.

As a rule the outside work of the company is closed at this time of year but the rush of business during the past summer has been so great that this work had to be postponed. It will be finished by the last of December.

The past season has been one of the most prosperous ever enjoyed by the company and about \$75,000 have been spent in improvements on the northern division. A new pole line has been built between Montpelier and St. Johnsbury, with a pair of copper wires in addition to the iron wires for local service.

A similar line of 42 miles has been built between White River Junction and Woodstock and an additional copper wire has been strung between Rutland and Bennington, a distance of 75 miles.

A trunk line has been built between Jeffersonville and Hardwick, a distance of 31 miles. It is a copper metallic circuit, in addition to the iron wires for local service.

Barre Quarryman Killed.

One man was killed and another fatally injured in an accident at Mellan & Stephens' granite quarry at Granville yesterday morning. Thomas LeBlair and Harry Hart were working at the bottom of the quarry when a loose stone on the quarry face fell instantly killing LeBlair and crushing Hart so that he will die. The stone weighed 15 tons and it required half an hour to get it off the men.

A New Industry.

An investor from New York has hired the building that was used by the Union Bobbin company, at Newport, which went into insolvency a year ago, and is fitting it up with machinery for the manufacture of veneer cloth boards, an article that commands a large market and calls for a great deal of native soft woods.

A large force of hands will be furnished employment, and the prospect of the new industry is welcomed by the community.

William H. Coburn, a convict at the state's prison at Windsor, escaped Sunday night. He was sentenced in 1897 to three and one half years' imprisonment.

In a pretty Wisconsin town not far from Milwaukee there is a "spite fence" which tells its own story to all the world. It is a high and tight board fence and cuts off a view across a number of beautiful lawns. The man who lives on one side of it evidently feared that the fence would bring down on his head the condemnation of his neighbors.

He has therefore painted on his side of the fence, in letters that can be read a block away, these words: "He built this fence. I didn't do it." The man on the other side also had no idea of letting a false impression get out. Accordingly he has painted on the other side of the high barrier: "I had to do it."

Sand stored in a large tank, from which it can be sifted automatically to any or all parts of the building, in such a manner as to smother a fire effectively, is a new idea to be used in the new Telephone Company's Exchange at Indianapolis, Ind.

Foreign Notes of Real Interest.

Father Ignatius has withdrawn from the ministry of the Church of England, owing to the recent decree of the Archbishops on ritual and the use of incense.

Prof. Ernest Haeckel, the chief exponent of Darwinism in Germany, was thrown from his horse in Rome recently, and seriously injured. Prof. Haeckel is 65 years of age.

Prof. Nussbaum, of Hanover, has discovered that the plastering in the walls seriously affects the acoustic properties of a room. Any admixture of sand with the plaster spoils the reverberation of musical tones. The best results are obtained by using pure gypsum that has been heated to a white heat.

Price Metternich has decided to no longer retain the control of the famous Johannisberg vineyard, and has obtained the Emperor of Austria's consent to their being leased. The real Johannisberg wine has been hitherto monopolized by the Metternich family, but the family feels poor and is trying to make money.

Mme. de Waren's house and garden at Anney, the scene of some of the most curious performances described by Jean Jacques Rousseau in his "Confessions," has been identified by a Rousseau enthusiast, who gives documentary proof of the genuineness of the discovery. It had been believed generally that the house was torn down just before the outbreak of the French Revolution.

A record in ship building has been established at Devonport. The first-class battleship Bulwark, one of the new modified formidable class, the most powerful in the British navy, is ready for launching in seven months after work was begun on her. In that time over 5,500 tons of steel have been built into the ship. When completed she will, like her sister ships, displace 10,000 tons; she is 400 feet long, 65 feet wide, and seventy-five feet beam, and it is intended that her engines shall steam eighteen knots an hour.

Baroness Nathaniel de Rothschild left by her will fourteen paintings by old Italian masters to the Louvre Gallery. Among them are "The Resurrection of Christ," by Fra Angelico; a "Virgin and Child," by Sandro Botticelli and another by Ghirlandaio; "The Virgin in Glory," by Tintoretto; a "Holy Conversation," by Palma Vecchio, and "Saint Apollonia and Saint Michael," by Andrea Mantegna from the Northwick collection. The subjects of nearly all the other pictures are likewise taken from sacred Christian tradition.

The widow of Horace Vernet, the painter, has just died in Paris.

Cardinal Moran, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, is an up to date prelate. The angelus bell of his cathedral is now rung by electricity.

Grant Allen, the famous author, died in London, Oct. 25.

A Great California Ranch.

The Vina ranch, in Tehama County, the property of the Leland Stanford University, covers 82,000 acres; besides which it controls, and practically owns, 100 square miles of range, utilized for sheep and cattle-grazing purposes, and these immense tracts of land are, in addition to the natural water-ways which intersect them, nourished by over 200 miles of irrigating ditches.

The ranch is devoted to a variety of agricultural enterprises, each one of a magnitude sufficient to make it an industry of consequence by itself, apart from the vineyards. There is enough land planted in peaches, pears, and prunes to produce a crop of over 2,000 tons, for which a price of \$45 delivered at the cars, was received this season; the dairy, which produces 7,000 pounds of butter every month, is supplied with 200 pure-blooded Holstein cows that give each month 30,000 gallons of milk.

The grain lands of the farm yield 125,000 sacks each season; and over sixty tons of wool is obtained from the sheep that graze on the range. In addition to all this, the farm is stocked with nearly 2,000 head of thoroughbred cattle, 300 mules and horses, 2,000 hogs and ducks, chickens and geese in such numbers as to defy all computation.

To attend to all this the services of about 500 men are required, and the expenses run up to over \$10,000 per month.

In the vineyard, 3,800 acres in extent, the visitor will see over 200 men busily engaged with scissors separating the purple clusters from the stems which droop under their weight, and casting them into boxes which are lifted into wagons and hauled to the winery, where they are dumped into elevators operating on much the same plan as those in the big storerooms of Chicago, by which the fruit is conducted to the crushers situated on the third floor of the fermenting-house. Here the grapes are crushed, separated from the stem, and conducted by gravity to the numerous fermenting tanks on a lower floor. There they are allowed to come to the proper stage of fermentation, when the liquid is drawn off and either pumped into the fortifying tanks or the distillery.

The pomace is conducted to the hydraulic presses, where any residue of liquid it contains is extracted and pumped to the distillery. The remaining portion of the pomace is then hauled away and used as hog feed.

The visitor will get a pretty fair idea of the immensity of this work when he is told that sometimes 500 tons of grapes go through this process in one day. It takes about 200 men to do the picking and seventy-five mule teams to haul what they pile up.

The grape crop this season is expected to amount to about 10,000 tons, which will produce about 1,500,000 gallons of wine, from which will be made about 75,000 gallons of brandy. This wine is stored in wine-cellar which has a capacity of about 1,750,000 gallons.—(San Francisco, Cal.)

A pretty decoration for a luncheon table was seen recently. Tiny baskets, one for each cover, were filled with roses and asparagus ferns and piled in a circular manner in the center of the table, long ribbons leading from each basket to a plate. The ferns completely hid the sides and handles of the baskets, and it was not until the end of the meal, when the hostess lifted hers by its ribbon, that the guests discovered the secret and each in turn took her souvenir.

The uncertainties of theatrical productions were never better exemplified than in the chilly reception given Hall Canoe's "The Christian," which, despite its successes in the United States and receipt given it at Liverpool, has totally failed to meet the requirements of London theatregoers.

PRICES MAINTAIN STRENGTH

Bul Unseasonable Weather Has Caused Falling Off in Retail Trade.

A quieting down of distributive trade, more particularly at retail, is reported, growing out of the unseasonably warm weather now being experienced in most sections of the country. Reflection of this is found in less urgent orders received by jobbers, and in somewhat impaired collections at many points. As regards prices, however, there is no appreciable loss of strength, the great majority of quotations remaining steady, and among those making changes advances are still most numerous.

That the general business of the country remains at an unprecedented volume is testified to by the heavy gains noted in bank clearings over a year ago, and by the immense increases in railway earnings over exceptionally good returns last October. As regards the current activity in transportation, it may be said that east-bound traffic from Chicago in the past month has more than doubled that reported in the same period a year ago, and nearly twice as large as that reported in October of 1898, a record period of good trade.

Simultaneously with the drop in freight rates this week has come a hardening of quotations for cereals. Receipts of corn are smaller than were expected, and this has resulted in an advance at a time when advances, owing to the enlarging crop movement, are rarely looked for. Wheat has been sympathetically strong, as have other cereals, and wheat flour has been advanced this week.

Among leading products decreasing in price, iron and copper among the metals have been most notable.

Cotton is fractionally lower, as the result of the deadlock between foreign consumers and American producers.

The situation of cotton goods, one of aggressive strength, is undoubtedly a supporting feature of no small account.

The strength of wool is natural, in view of the very large sales, most of which are claimed to have been for account of manufacturers, though speculative buying is perceptible. In woolen goods demand is favorable, and further advances are predicted.

Lumber is again very firm, as are also hides and leather, in sympathy with recent advances in boots and shoes.

The situation of iron and steel is, perhaps, the most notable one yet presented. The feature of the market is the reported booking by the steel rail mills of the country of nearly 75 percent of their capacity for next year's delivery. Heavy buying of pig iron, undoubtedly to cover some of these rail sales, is reported in the central west, at prices little below those ruling for some time past.

Demand for hardware is active at nearly all markets. The scarcity of supplies is still a feature, and jobbers are pushed for prompt shipments. Complaint that high prices are injuring our export trade is heard.

Succumbed to Pneumonia.

New York, Oct. 31.—Brigadier General Guy V. Henry, U. S. A., died at his residence in this city Friday of pneumonia, after a sickness of 10 days. General Henry was born March 9, 1839, at Fort Smith, L. T., his father, Major Henry, at the time being engaged in fighting the Indians. General Henry was the grandson of one who was vice president

of the United States and twice governor of New York, Daniel D. Thompson, and also grandson of a former secretary of the navy and judge of the superior court, Smith Thompson. He graduated from West Point Military academy at the outbreak of the Civil war. He had served in the Civil war, on the frontier and as military governor of Porto Rico.

Thief Got Nearly \$50,000.

St. Louis, Oct. 31.—Robert B. Jennings, secretary and general manager of the Broadway Cable company, was held up yesterday on a street car, near the corner of Washington avenue and Broadway, and robbed of \$1043 in cash and \$48,275 in negotiable paper. The thieves escaped. Mr. Jennings was coming from the Boatman's bank, where he had drawn the money to pay off his men. When boarding a car to go to the company's office, three men pushed him into a corner and took the money. A man who saw the robbery got a good look at one of the robbers, of whom he gave a description to the police. Several years ago, Mr. Jennings, who is an elderly man, was robbed in a similar manner. His assailants were captured, and are now serving terms in the penitentiary.

Moore Out of Jail.

Concord, N. H., Oct. 31.—Dr. Joseph C. Moore of Manchester, who was sentenced to four years in state prison for over issue of stock, and who was committed to that institution on April 1, 1897, was pardoned Friday. Governor Rollins visited Dr. Moore in prison yesterday, and satisfied himself that he is a very sick man, and could not survive the long if he remained in prison, and that it was simply an act of mercy to grant a pardon. Two councillors voted against the pardon, while three voted in the affirmative.

A farmer, named Goodyear, who lives about a mile from Randolph village, was attacked by two tramps one morning last week when he went to his barn to milk, about five o'clock. In the struggle with the men Mr. Goodyear's watch was taken from him and his lantern was overturned. The barn was burned to the ground. The live stock was saved, but the hay, sleighs, farming tools, etc., were burned. Mr. Goodyear had his clothes nearly all torn from his body in the fracas.

Railway Transportation Rates.

The rates charged for transportation of passengers by rail are being criticised and questioned in many quarters of the country, says a Chicago paper. This has been stimulated by the fact that the government roads of Austria-Hungary in 1889 reduced rates of fare from one-half to one-sixth, and yet the traffic so greatly increased that the gain in receipts was over \$2,000,000 in two years.

As a text Professor Parsons used these facts for an article in the Arena which is of importance. He cites the case of many eastern railroads that sell season tickets at a little more than half a cent a mile, and declares that they would not do so if it was not a fact that that sum more than covered the cost of transportation.

He says that some companies, which he names, sell commutation tickets at seven-tenths of a cent a mile, and admit a profit of 50 per cent. in the business.

Professor Parsons estimates that the average cost of moving a passenger train is 80 cents a mile, or about 14 cents a car, as is shown by the railway reports.

"A moderate train of ordinary coaches will carry 400 to 600 persons, so that with well-filled trains the cost is not more than 1 1/2th of a cent a passenger a mile. All the expenses of railway traffic are taken into account in figuring the 80 cent cost per train mile."

Under government ownership he claims that "these expenses will be reduced at least a third, the cost per train mile will fall to 60 cents, and the cost of carrying a passenger one mile in a full train will be 15 of a cent."

In applying these alleged facts, Professor Parsons says: "Excursion trains can be run now from New York to Philadelphia at a cost not exceeding \$800, including the cost of a train share of waste and corruption incident to the present railway system. That is, the railway could (under public ownership) take 600 people on one train from Philadelphia to Chicago for \$1 each, and bring them back for another \$1 each, and cover all expenses, labor, wear and tear, rebates, lobby fees and all pro rata. Two dollars for a single trip, and \$4 for the round trip would be the cost for the passenger, and according to their own published estimates of the cost of moving trains, which are not too low, we may be sure."

Professor Parsons makes his argument in favor of the government ownership of railroads, and in support of his conclusions he says "that the German state railway at Berlin sells yearly tickets good for a five-mile ride in and out of the city as many times a day as you please, and on any train, for the sum of \$5.00, which means a carrying of 3,650 miles for \$4.50, going in and out five miles each way once daily."

Picking Billions of Flowers.

Grasse, in the southern part of France, is the centre of the perfume industry. There women and girls may be seen, with broad hats on their heads, gathering flowers from 5 until 11 a. m. and then returning with their fragrant burdens to the houses, where they pluck the leaves from the blossoms and pass the rest of the day in preparing them for the work of extracting the essences of essential oils, which contains the perfume itself.

In March they begin plucking violets, from which violet water is made, and from the beginning of May to the end of June they gather jessamine, roses, and orange blossoms, as well as the tuberoses in July, the mimosa in August and the cassia in September. The nimble fingers of the women must move rapidly to pluck the millions and billions of leaves that go to make up the 1,500,000 kilograms of rose leaves alone that are used each season. Besides there are a million kilograms of jessamine to be plucked, and violets and orange blossoms to the extent of two million kilograms a year. To give an idea of the huge result, it is calculated that each stalk of jessamine yields two kilograms

of perfume.

Reference in Bankruptcy.

October 30, 1899.

Bankruptcy Notice.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT.

In the matter of David Vance } In Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt.

To the creditors of David Vance of Barnet, in the county of Caledonia, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1899, the said David Vance was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of David E. Porter in St. Johnsbury, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

DAVID E. PORTER, Referee in Bankruptcy.

October 30, 1899.

Bankruptcy Notice.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT.

In the matter of Thomas O. Magill } In Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt.

To the creditors of Thomas O. Magill of Burke, in the county of Caledonia and district aforesaid, a bankrupt, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1899, the said Thomas O. Magill was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of David E. Porter in St. Johnsbury, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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